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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A NOTICE  
TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Re: U.S. Application  
Serial No: 09/538,493  
Filed: March 30, 2000  
Group: 2721  
Inventor: GEOFFREY B. RHOADS  
For: METHODS FOR INSERTING AND  
DETECTING WATERMARKS ...

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(F)  
COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (2 pages)**

Our check in the amount of \$ --0-- is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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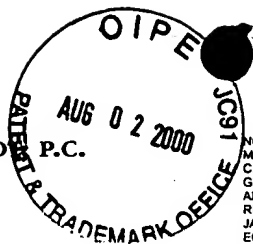
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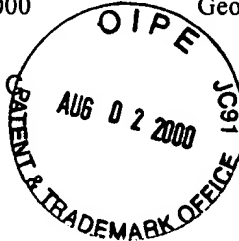


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):
  - This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998).

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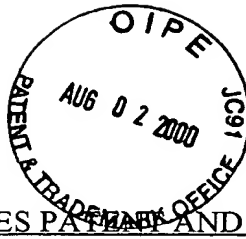
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the notification dated June 2, 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicant submits herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The computer diskette filed with the application contains interference papers to be forwarded to the Examiner and/or Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. It not a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence as stated in the Notice to File Missing Parts. Therefore, it is requested that the requirements for a disclosure of this type be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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